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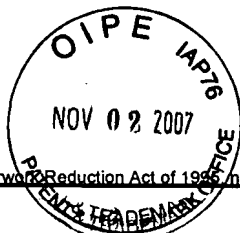
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§ 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ [ ] Together with the present application.
- ☒ [ X ] Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114, whichever occurs last.
- ☐ [ ] After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

☒ [ X ] No separate requirements are needed.

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☐ [ ] **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c)**

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- ☐ ( ) Each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; or
- ☐ ( ) No item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**Provision of Copies of References**

☒ [X] Copies of cited references which are U.S. Patents or U.S. Patent Application Publications are not required for this application, which has a filing date after June 30, 2003 (1276 OG 55, 5 August 2003).

☐ [ ] A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

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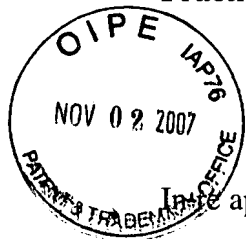
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Respectfully submitted,

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In the interest of full disclosure, the following items are herewith identified in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 for consideration by Examiner. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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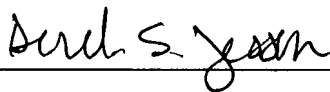
8. Chilean Patent Publication CL 00721-1999 published November 11, 1999, in Spanish. US 6,294,143 is an English language equivalent of the Chilean document.
9. Russian Patent Publication SU 1811514 published April 23, 1993, in Russian. A statement of relevance is set forth on page 3 of the English translation of the Russian Office Action of August 17, 2006 for Russian patent family member of the present application.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

1. Liden R.A. et al. Chemical Properties of Inorganic Compounds, Moscow, Khimiya, 1997, pp. 61-62, § 112 (in Russian). A statement of relevance is set forth on page 2 of the English translation of the Russian Office Action of August 17, 2006 for Russian patent family member of the present application.
2. International Search Report dated March 24, 2003 of International Patent Application PCT/US02/19263 which is a patent family member of the present application published December 24, 2003 in English.

The requirements specified by MPEP 609A(3) and C.F.R. § 1.98 are considered to have been satisfied.

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